



THE CAR HOUSE

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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF DIVISION 8
NORTH CENTRAL REGION – NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

<http://www.division8-ncr-nmra.org>

Superintendent **Fred Cosgrove** called the meeting of Division 8 to order at 7:06 PM. The meeting was held at the Troy Christian Chapel with 24 people in attendance.

Visitors

Dan Dovrzelewski, who models the PH&D in HO scale, was a visitor.

Show and Tell and Clinic Photos





Show and Tell

This was the annual Christmas favorite slide or photo show and tell. There were a lot of slides and photos, both prototype and model, as well as some video. Included in the photos and slides were:

- A number of slides of Dan Lewis's old and new layouts.
- A former tourist road (A&P) SW-1
- Hines Park
- Mt. Washington Cog Railway
- Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railway (former D&RGW narrow gauge)
- A Canadian Railway Museum
- The former Pere Marquette 1225 in steam
- About 3 minutes of video of streamlined B&O P-7d Pacifics pulling the Cincinnati in 1955-1956 near and in Deshler, Ohio, including a pacing sequence when the train was accelerating at 88 mph. The car pacing the train could not keep up!

Minutes of November Meeting

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as written. There were no dissenting votes as **John "The Steam Bigot"** was absent. Others tried to fill in as a dissenting vote, but were incapable of filling John's shoes.

Paymaster's Report

Marv Linke reported: \$1085.08 in checking, \$ 3755.27 in the CD, and \$250.00 loaned to the 2007 Convention Committee.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Larry Wolohon handed out a questionnaire on what members would like to see in future **Division 8** Clinics.

Larry Wolohon presented an achievement award to **Saul Kalbfeld** for Master Builder, Scenery.

Dan Lewis reported that the next **Division 8 layout** tour will be on Sunday, January 25, 2004 and will include **Dan Lewis's** N scale Milwaukee Road North Montana Branch and **Dave Rigittko's** HO scale Conemaugh & Juniata. Flyers were passed out.

Announcements

Jim Clements thanked the group for their help in solving the problems that he was having with a dual gauge turnout.

Marv Linke reported that you could become a life member of the **North Central Region** by paying 20 times the annual dues, which would be \$160.00.

Rad Jones announced that he is looking for information on the Grosse Isle deport. Dave Thornton suggested that he contact **Tom Lenzion** for information.

The **Detroit Historical Museum** Train Show will be held on December 27, 2003.

The Toledo Train Show will be held on December 28, 2003.

Fred Cosgrove reported that the Bob Lo boat is being considered for restoration. For further information contact:

Detroit Riverboat Conservancy, Inc.
Mail Code: 482 – B13 – 004
200 Renaissance Center
Detroit, MI 48265-2010
<http://detroitriverfront.org>

Tim Fisher reported on the December 6th meeting of the **2007 Convention Planning Committee**. Tim chaired the meeting as **Dave Thornton** was stranded in New York City by a blizzard. There may be an issue with the name "**Great Lakes Express**" as there is an airline with the same name. There is concerted effort underway to finalize a convention logo, with several submissions having been submitted.

Marv Linke reported that there are some potential issues with the NCR signing a region convention contract with a local hotel concerning liabilities for hotel costs for a cancelled or under attended convention. The NMRA home office will be contacted about these issues.

Trustee's Report

Dave Thornton reported that the next **NMRA Board of Trustee's** meeting would be held in Cincinnati in February. The latest edition of **Scale Rails** has been delayed due to strike at the printer. The ballot for the proposed changes to the **NMRA** Constitution and By-laws that came from the Long Range Plan (LRP) will be in **Scale Rails** or mailed to all members. It will take a "for" vote from the membership to make the changes.

Hints and Tips

Delrin parts can be painted if the parts are sandblasted first. Toothless alligator clips can be used for small clamps. Bar clamps are handy tools for building layout benchwork. Sears has them on sale periodically. Suitcase connectors allow quick connection of branch feeder wires to main feeder wires. They are available from Home Depot or mail order from Mouser. Watch out for seconds. Chase light drivers can be obtained inexpensively at computer shows.

Upcoming Clinic and Show & Tell

The January clinic will be on the 2002 National Narrow Gauge Convention by **Roger Austin**. The Show & Tell will be shortline items, narrow gauge items, or train related Christmas presents.

Schedule

The next Division 8 meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 15, 2004 at the Troy Christian Chapel. The Troy Christian Chapel is located at 400 East Long Lake Road (south side) between Livernois and Rochester Roads.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Dave Thornton
Secretary pro tem